

### **REMARKS**

1) **Amendments to Claims**

Claims 19 and 20 have been cancelled, with traverse and without prejudice to their further prosecution by way of continuation or division, as may be appropriate. The Applicant reserves the right to advance further grounds of traverse at such time as further prosecution of claims 19 and 20 may be pursued.

Claims 21 and 22 have been re-written in independent form. In light of the commentary in the Office Action of May 17, 2006, indicating that claims 21 – 28 would be allowable if re-written in independent form, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 21 – 28 are now in a condition for allowance.

2) **Conclusion**

The Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims presently pending in the case, namely claims 1 – 18 and 21 – 32, are in a condition for allowance. The Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early and favourable disposition of this matter.

If for any reason the Examiner feels the application is not now in condition for allowance it is respectfully requested that he contact, by telephone, the undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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